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1. I COMMUNICATED TO THE JOINT COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY OF THE AMALGAMATED METAL WORKERS UNION (AMWU), R.T. SCOTT, THE DECISION OF THE USG NOT REPEAT NOT TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE LAW IN CARMICHAEL'S CASE. SCOTT ACCEPTED MY MESSAGE GRACEFULLY, BUT SAID HE WAS SURE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNION WOULD INTERPRET THIS DECISION AS A REBUFF TO THE UNION ITSELF. I REMINDED HIM OF MY PREVIOUS EXPLANATION THAT THE LAW IS EXPLICIT, THAT MR. CARMICHAEL IS NOT BEING SINGLED OUT, AND THAT A WAIVER IS AN EXCEPTIONAL PROCEDURE. I ASSURED HIM THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THE CLOSE TIES THAT HAVE EXISTED FOR MANY YEARS BETWEEN AUSTRALIAN AND AMERICAN UNIONS AND THAT WE FAVOR SUCH TIES AND WE HOPE THEY WILL CONTINUE. I ASKED MR. SCOTT TO PASS THESE VIEWS ALONG. HE PROMISED THAT HE WOULD BUT STILL INSISTED THAT THE UNION WOULD TAKE THE DECISION AS A REBUFF. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING, "WE WILL NOW HAVE TO CONSIDER OUR NEXT COURSE OF ACTION."

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